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MORE THAN 30,000 CADRES IN NORTHEAST CHINA  
STUDY THE PERIOD OF SOVIET NEW ECONOMIC POLICY

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About 32,000 higher and middle echelon party cadres of the Northeast Administrative Area who are participating in the study of socialist economic reconstruction theory are engaged in the study of Chapter IX of the History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Bolshevik). Short Course. Chapter IX deals with the period of the New Economic Policy of the Soviet Union.

Prior to the launching of the study movement, Ou-yang Ch'in, secretary of the Dairen and Port Arthur Municipal Party Committee, Chang Lieh, secretary of the Liaotung Provincial Party Committee, and other provincial and municipal party committee leaders of the Northeast gave speeches pointing out the significance of this movement and encouraged the cadres to participate in the study.

All the top-level organizations in the Northeast and the teachers in the provinces and municipalities responsible for teaching Chapter IX of History of the Soviet Communist Party (Bolsheviks). Short Course are now preparing the curriculum or have undertaken the actual teaching as follows:

1. In Kirin, Jehol, and in other provinces, the core members of the higher echelon cells began the study of Chapter IX to give more effective guidance to the middle echelon cells. The students in higher echelon cells in Dairen and Port Arthur participated in the discussions of the middle echelon cells in order to determine the teaching requirements of these cells.
2. On 8 July, the spare-time political schools directly under the Northeast Bureau of the Central Committee, CCP, invited Liu Tzu-tsai, deputy chief of the Department of Propaganda of the Northeast Bureau, to present an address on the value of the study of Chapter IX the History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Bolshevik), Short Course to the middle echelon cells.
3. On 15 July, the organizations directly under the Northeast Bureau, all the organs of the Public Security Department of the Northeast Administrative Committee, and the middle echelon cells of all the units in Mukden started their first classes.
4. To raise the quality of the teachers engaged in teaching the Chapter IX of this document the Propaganda Bureau of the Heilungkiang Provincial Party Committee convened the teachers for a conference to study and discuss various teaching methods.
5. Ch'ang-ch'un is also preparing to call a conference of teachers to discuss methods.

The current problems in this study are: (a) although organs on the higher level have drafted adequate plans, many units on the lower level have not adopted concrete study plans; and (b) because of inadequate guidance, the

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Students fail to grasp or understand the salient points or the problems even after having read the documents two or three times. To solve these problems, the Mukden Tung-pei Jih-pao advocated that: the guidance of this study work be improved at all levels; the students be instructed on the importance of this study and be trained in methods of self-study so that they could engage in research; the students who merely listen to lectures and who fail to improve themselves be severely criticized; and the quality of instruction be raised."

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